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SOUTHWEST IS A GREAT COUNTRY

Progress Made which
East Virginians Know
Not Of.

EDUCATION APPEALS
TO ALL THE CLASSES

Rapid Strides Made by Big Men,
but They Have Kept in
Mind the Training of
Young—Results of
Some Careful
Observations.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
GRAPE LAWN, VA., August 11.—Citizens of Southwest Virginia who come to the Eastern section of the State are now and then induced to modestly relate the story of the wealth and beauty of this country, but those of us who have not seen their grassy plains nor stood upon their rugged mountain tops are in no position to fully appreciate its force.

In the two weeks that I have just spent among and beyond the beautiful Alleghenies I have learned lessons which neither eloquence nor maps nor private interviews could have ever taught me, and I am yet congratulating myself upon the opportunity of having gone.

I have hitherto had something to say concerning the beautiful scenery and fine herds and splendid pastures of old Montgomery, and this story shall be devoted to the equally magnificent section which lies beyond.

For example, let us take the prosperous and picturesque little county of Giles. Shut in by majestic mountain ranges, she is a country unto herself, in that she is largely independent of her neighbors for the necessities of life. Her beautiful valleys, lying between great mountain slopes, furnish ranges for cattle, fields for sheep and homes for honest men, and here and there modern villages and towns are seen.

Strong on Education.
Pearisburg, the county seat of Giles, is an old landmark, and yet it is an up-to-date place in every respect.

Judge H. A. W. Sken is clerk of the House of Delegates. John W. Williams are among the strong lawyers and moving spirits in this town, and they are both deeply interested in the subject of public education; a question which is fairly burning the public mind in Southwest Virginia at this time.

A \$7,000 high school building is just now being constructed, and the best possible primary educational facilities are already in vogue. There are prosperous tanneries and limekilns and other enterprising business concerns in and about Pearisburg, and the surrounding country is at once "a thing of beauty" and a "land of milk and honey." Hills and valleys that stretch beyond the reach of human eyes. But to go still further, there are Tazewell and Russell, as one progresses on the westward course. They have got the world "scotched" on fine cattle, and the blue grass grows there as generously and as spontaneously as in the Ashland district of Kentucky.

Where the Spindles Hum.
The scenery up and down the great mountain sides, along the Clinch Valley division of the Norfolk and Western, which is now under consideration, is said by travelers to be as beautiful and as captivating as that of the mountains of Switzerland, and I can testify that it is a revelation to an East Virginian who looks upon it for the first time.

Passing then into Lee county, one is struck by the rolling hills and the valleys on either side. This is not "where shepherds watch their flocks by night," nor yet where loving herds turn homeward with the setting sun. But it is in the busy, hustling section, where mining, manufacture and commerce are the keynote, that one would expect to find the progress of the county. They are men, and they deserve all the more credit for the way they have come to the front. Good railroad facilities have done a great deal for the progress and civilization of Wise county, and the great educational movement developed throughout Virginia in the last five years has done more.

Has Prosperous Towns.
I have traveled nearly all over Virginia, and I know of no county outside the big centers that can boast of more prosperous towns than Wise. There are Coeburn, Norton, Wise Courthouse, Big Stone Gap and others, each of which would stand well beside the average county seat elsewhere in the State, excepting, of course, the places where courthouses are in the cities or large towns.

They told me in Wise that the backbone of lawlessness was "broken" when "Tate, Hall, 'Doc' Taylor and when Brannan were hanged for their awful crimes on various occasions.

But even taking this into consideration, there is yet reason for the law.

I stood upon the scaffold where five desperadoes were hanged in three years, and I asked why the thing was not torn down. The answer was: "We will probably need it again shortly, and there is no use of putting the county to the expense of rebuilding it."

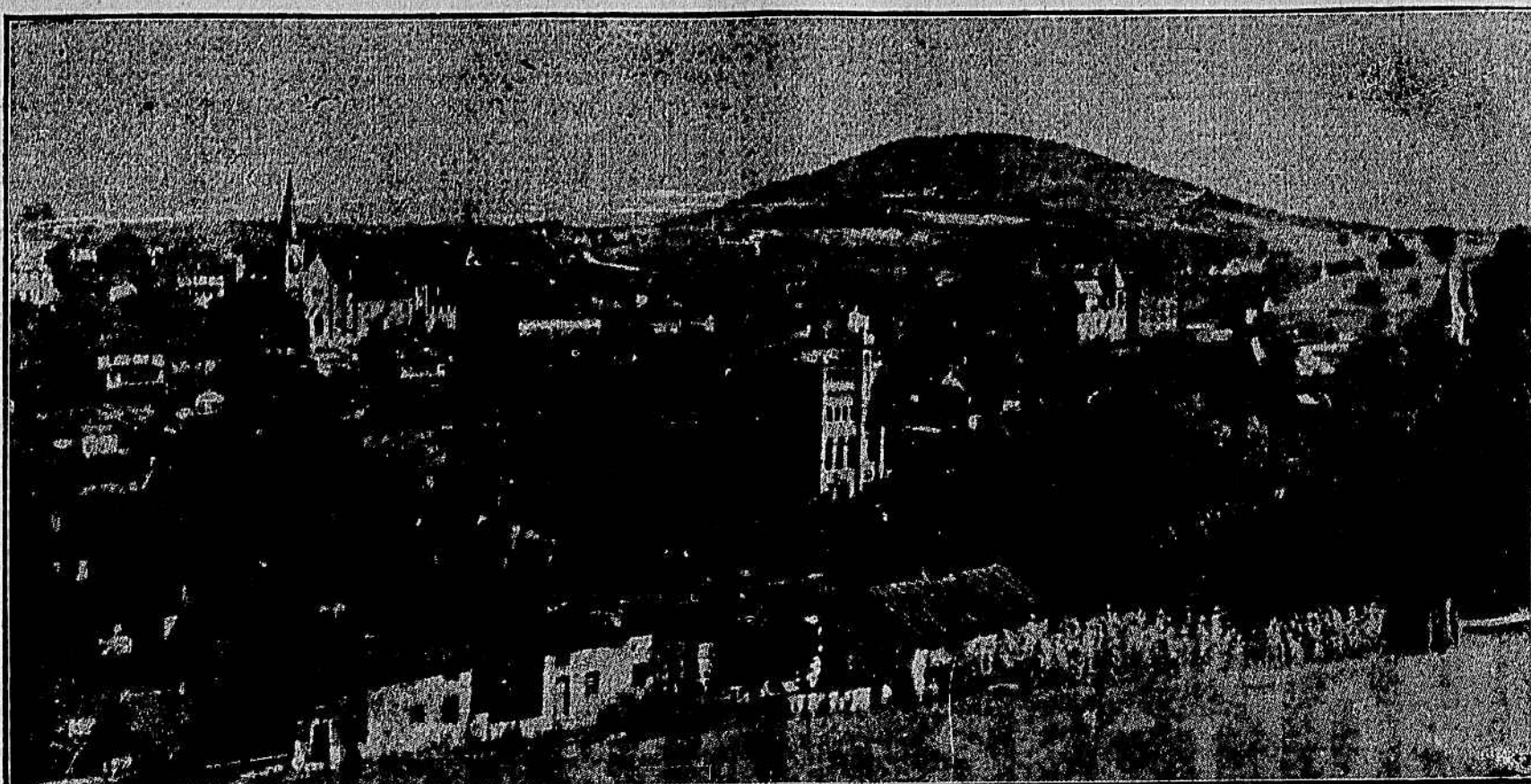
"Have you many prisoners whom you regard as very bad?" was the reply. "No, not a great many," was the reply. "We may have to hang a few of them; that is all."

The jail at Wise Courthouse is one of the largest and best equipped in the State, and I went through it from end to end.

I asked the keeper if he had as many as the usual number of prisoners, as he replied that he thought so, as he was then caring for about a hundred.

But this is as well as United States prison, and the large number of persons charged with the theft of liquor should be deducted from the total.

VIEW OF STAUNTON FROM TOP OF RESERVOIR HILL



STAUNTON IS AN INDUSTRIAL CITY

Wonderful Growth of
Manufactures In Past
Five Years.

FROM THOUSANDS
TO TWO MILLIONS

Twelve Years Ago There Was
Not an Industrial Plant; Now
There Are Many, Em-
ploying 3,000 Men.
Intelligent Labor
Is Plentiful.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
STAUNTON, VA., August 11.—Staunton, the queen city of the Valley of Virginia, is an example of progress, in manufactures and industries, that is without an equal in the State, and probably in the entire country, for twelve years ago there was not a manufacturing or industrial plant within the city limits, while to-day the value of the combined enterprises amounts to more than two million dollars, and the plants give employment at good wages to probably three thousand men and women.

Ever since its first settlement by Col. John Lewis in 1762, Staunton, or Augusta Courthouse, as it was then called, has been a thriving center, for located in a fertile valley, and peopled by a thrifty and intelligent class of farmers and merchants, the town drew to it a large and lucrative trade, which has ever increasing, continued to the present day. In 1801 the town boasted but 1,225 inhabitants, and although its boundaries were enlarged from time to time, it was not until 1860, when the famous Valley Turnpike was constructed, that the spirit of improvement became marked.

The first bank was opened in 1847, and in 1864 the Virginia Central Railroad, now the Chesapeake and Ohio, was opened for travel.

Healthy Growth.
The growth of the town was healthy but slow, for although it had become noted as an educational center, and had attracted many health institutions on account of its climate, the march of industrial progress had not reached its confines.

In 1884, Mr. W. W. Putnam, with a man and a boy as his only assistants, and a small back room as his workshop, began the manufacture of organs in the city of Staunton. This was the pioneer movement in the direction of manufacture, and from that day, twelve years ago, the progress of the city in this direction has been marvelous.

The small back room of the Putnam has given way to an immense organ factory that, employing 200 persons, turns out 750 organs a year, which are shipped all over the world.

Other industries were quick to follow the lead.

The White Star Flour Mills, larger than any in the State, with the exception of Richmond, were built; the Barrel Works of J. A. Bell & Sons were put into operation; large ovens of pottery were established; machine shops sprung up; planing mills, both in the city and county, were constructed; the largest cement works in the South, employing some 1,500 men, were inaugurated; woolen mills calculated to attract a furniture plant were put in successful operation, and the educational and trading centre of yesterday changed into the industrial and manufacturing city of today.

Dr. Gordon's View.
Dr. Armistead C. Gordon, for many years Mayor, and then Commonwealth's attorney of Staunton, has the pre-eminence of Staunton as an industrial city, and whose reputation as a man of letters and a lawyer is known throughout the country, has this to say regarding the growth and material development of the city:

"There are few cities of its size in the South that present to a stranger coming into it a more substantial appearance than does the city of Staunton. The character of its buildings, its paved streets, its general air of thrift and prosperity, are all calculated to attract the attention of the visitor; and the appearance of the place is but an outward indication of its real prosperity. It is a characteristic of Staunton, and has been for many years, that while there are no very large fortunes owned by its citizens, very few of its residents are people who may be called poor. In other words, property seems to be perhaps more evenly distributed here than in most towns of a similar size. The general prosperity of the place is due to the combined advantages of its unusual situation, its people, and the fact that Staunton is located in one of the most fertile and prosperous agricultural sections of Virginia. Its air is salubrious, its climate delightful, the town being situated at an altitude of about 1,500 feet above sea level, and between the two ranges of the Appalachian system of mountains, which protect it from the Eastern coast storms, and those from the Mississippi Valley on the west.

It possesses the largest boys' boarding school in the South in the Staunton Military Academy, conducted by Captain Kable, which has an annual attendance from many States of the Union, of more than 800 young men. It has two of the best female schools in the South—the Virginia Female Institute and the Mary Baldwin Seminary—where for many years large numbers of young ladies from all over the country have been educated. Its system of public schools is believed by those who are familiar with it to have no superior anywhere. And in addition to the schools already mentioned, a prosperous and successful school is conducted by the Catholic Church here. There is also one of the best known and most successful business colleges south of Mason and Dixon's line to be found in Staunton, in the Danmore Business College, whose students come from many directions, and whose graduates immediately after leaving the college are sought after by business concerns.

Progress in Manufactures.
In the direction of manufacturing industries, Staunton, for its size, stands

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NEW WHOLESALE DRY GOODS HOUSE

An Up-to-Date Addition to Richmond's Big Jobbing Force
Is Soon to Open.

BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSE

Anderson-Lewis-Gray Company,
Incorporated, Composed of
Young Experienced Men.

The wholesale business of Richmond is growing like the proverbial bean stalk. In an interview published in this paper not a great while ago, a well known wholesale dry goods merchant said he and all the men and firms engaged in his line of business here would welcome a new first-class wholesale dry goods house.

He declared there was room for more, and the larger the numbers of drummers going out from Richmond to sell goods to the retail merchants of the South the greater would be Richmond's reputation as a jobbing centre, and the larger the volume of business brought here the better it would be for all.

Another first-class, up-to-date wholesale dry goods house is soon to throw its banner to the breeze. A picture is hereby given, which represents the splendidly arranged building now being erected by J. H. Filippin & Co. at Nos. 1312-14 East Franklin Street, for the new wholesale dry goods firm—Anderson-Lewis-Gray Company (Incorporated). This magnificent building, being erected on a site secured for the firm by A. J. Chewin Company, prominent real estate agents, four stories and basement, will cover an area of 104 feet front by 116 feet deep, and will be equipped with all modern conveniences, having electric passenger and freight elevators, private telephone system, connecting the general offices with all the various departments, and both gas and electric fixtures for lighting purposes.

Plenty of Light.
The entire building will be lighted by windows on all four sides. These windows, numbering 145, will be woven wire, quarter glass with metal frames, automatically arranged, thus doing away with the necessity of unsightly and troublesome tin shutters, any at the same time reducing the insurance to the minimum. The entire lower front will be of plate glass, and the office arrangements, complete in every detail. This building will be completed by November 1st, and will probably be the finest and best arranged in the South for the use intended.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING NEWS

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MANY DEALS ON THE STRING

Every Indication That Early Fall
Will See Active Business
in Realty.

The past week has been the very dullest of the season in the real estate business. People who buy Richmond realty on speculation or for investment are out of town taking advantage of the mountain breezes and the zephyrs from old ocean or any other old thing that afford them comfort from the broiling August suns and give them a chance to think upon the deals they expect to make in the autumn when there will be some comfort in transacting business. Home seekers are also disposed to await the fall days before looking for sites upon which to erect their homes. People who are known as renters and in search of houses in which to spend the winter months, and all the other months of the year that will begin on September 1st, have either found what they are looking for, given up in despair or decided to wait until the sun ceases to shine so hot.

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Brown & Co. also report something of a busy week in renting, and among others they have located the following:

Mr. A. E. Roeder of the Southern Manufacturing Company, in No. 1315 Grove Avenue, who moves in September 1st; F. A. Daugherty, from Washington, in No. 703 East Broad Street; John Ogilvie, in No. 822 North Twenty-fourth Street; J. F. Reed in the West Cottage, Grove Avenue; Samuel A. Harwood, in No. 1021 West Cary Street; Mrs. H. B. Deming, who moves to Richmond from New York, in No. 710 East Franklin.

They predict that those persons who are delaying renting till the fall will have trouble in securing desirable homes, and will wish they had not put off the troublesome renting till then.

Business in the Suburbs.
There is a little something doing in suburban property. The Ginter Park people report some activity. In addition to some local business being done, the company is getting many inquiries from out-of-town clients who have heard of the rapid and substantial development going forward in this beautiful, high class suburb. The wisdom of the policy of this company in adopting a standard of improvement, imposing reasonable restrictions, and in not splitting its lands up into city sized lots, but giving each purchaser a plot of half an acre or more, being fully justified by the results obtained.

The residences of Mr. F. V. Gunn, Mr. L. R. Curry and Mr. A. M. Grover and the two that the Ginter Park Company is building for sale, have been pushed rapidly to the building block. Two more residences will be started there the coming week, making eight in all so far this season.

Good Building Stuff.
The Virginia Granolithic Building Block Company, with office and factory at No. 1321 West Main Street, began active operations several months ago, and the desirable character of its product has already been recognized by its selection for many residences and buildings in Richmond.

The concrete stone manufactured possesses the qualities of nature's own production. It is true concrete, subjected to an immense pounding pressure, and is strong, dense, durable and beautiful.

It is adaptable for many uses, such as concrete building blocks, doorsteps, sills, lintels, coping, piers, arches, veranda trimming, porch columns, chimney blocks. The Virginia Granolithic Building Block Company is composed of the following: S. B. Start, president; M. B. Start, vice-president; and H. B. Start, secretary and treasurer.

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THRIFTY GREEN BAY.

Many Houses to Be Erected in the Next Few Months.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREEN BAY, VA., August 11.—Quite a number of houses will be erected here within the next few months. It is understood the Ward Lumber Company, of Lynchburg, will build as many as ten for their employees here, and also for rent to others. Several will also be erected by private parties. Several lots have changed hands lately, and many handsome residences will soon be in course of construction. The "Bay" is enjoying some of the prosperity of the times, and more business is being done here than ever before in its history.

A bank will, it is understood, be organized here within the next few weeks—something that has been needed here for some time.

The local business houses. No difficulty will be experienced in securing enough stockholders to do a first-class banking business.

GRAPE SUGAR MEN ON THE DEFENSIVE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PHILADELPHIA, August 11.—Asserting that the officials of J. H. Huston & Co., of Old Stock Exchange place, said to be the Eastern representatives of the Gloucester Trust, which is reported to be owned and controlled by the Standard Oil Company, were not liable for prosecution for selling alleged adulterated grape sugar, counsel for the Huston concern attempted to make a vigorous defense before Magistrate Benton, when officers of the company were arraigned by agents of the Pennsylvania Pure Food Commission. The Pure Food officials charged the alleged Standard Oil concern with handling adulterated products and with violating the pure food laws.

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